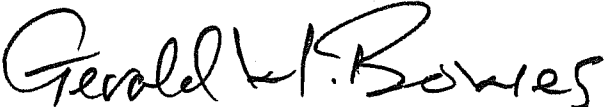

State Water Resources Control Board

TO: Kari Kyler
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DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

FROM: 
Gerald W. Bowes, Ph.D., Manager
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Office of Research, Planning, and Performance

DATE: October 25, 2011

SUBJECT: **FINAL RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR EXTERNAL PEER REVIEWERS :**
1. San Joaquin River Flow Objectives to Protect Fish and Wildlife; 2.
Southern Delta Water Quality Objectives to Protect Agricultural Beneficial
Uses.

This letter responds to your attached request letter for external scientific peer reviewers for the subjects noted above. On October 14, 2011, I sent you a letter identifying four approved reviewers. Last week, I approved a fifth and final reviewer. This letter identifies all five reviewers under one cover, and is meant to replace the October 14 communication for your record.

Through a Cal/EPA Interagency Agreement with the University of California, I requested the University to identify candidates it considered qualified to perform this assignment. Your letter and attachments were provided.

The University communicated with candidates to determine interest and availability. Each willing candidate was asked to complete a National Academy of Sciences-based Conflict of Interest Disclosure form, and send it to me. After my review, which included clarifying questions as necessary, I asked promising candidates to affirm there is nothing in their background a) that might be reasonably construed by others as affecting their judgment; and b) that might constitute an actual or potential source of bias. They also were asked to affirm they would be able to perform an objective and independent review.

I provided approved reviewers with the attached January 7, 2009, Supplement to our peer review guidelines. The Supplement provides rules of conduct for both the organization requesting the review and the reviewers, in part to ensure the review process is kept confidential through its course. **Reviewers' identities must be kept confidential until the reviews have been received by the organization which requested them.**

The Supplement also notes reviewers are under no obligation to discuss their comments with third parties representing special interests after reviews have been submitted, **and we recommend they do not.**

The approved reviewers are identified below.

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Curriculum Vitae are provided for the approved reviewers with this letter.

Please contact your reviewers right away telling them when you will transmit the material. They have accepted the assignment based on the date of availability given in your request letter. If preparation of the material is delayed, ask them if the new date is acceptable, including me as a "cc." If subsequent delays occur, inform the reviewers and me as soon as possible

Considering the number of pages you plan to send reviewers, I ask that you send them both electronic and hard copies of all material.

Provide a cover letter to initiate the review. Include with it your original request letter to me . This was provided to them by the University during the solicitation process, but may not be readily at hand. Inform the reviewers their review must:

- (1) Follow the guidance provided in Attachment 2; and
- (2) Address the topics listed in Attachment 2 **in the order given**, as expertise allows.
- (3) **Revisions:** If any part of the initial request has been revised, describe the revisions in your new cover letter, and stamp "REVISED" on each revised page.

Please send me an electronic copy of your cover letter to reviewers and an electronic copy of each review.

If I can provide additional assistance, please contact me at any time during the review process.

Attachments (6)

